

S/N 09/911,143

PATENT

REMARKS

Claims 1-15, 21-22, 25-26 have been canceled. Claims 27-32 have been added. Claims 16-20, 23, 24 and 27-32 remain pending.

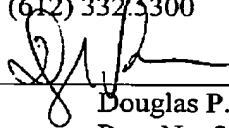
In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are requested. Allowance of claims 16-20, 23, 24 and 27-32 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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